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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2006. Claims 1 to 36 are pending. Claims 1 to 36 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1 to 8 are said to be drawn to compounds of Formula I, classified in class 546 and 548, various subclasses;
- II. Claims 9-12 are said to be drawn to compounds of Formula II, classified in class 546 and 548, various subclasses;
- III. Claims 13 to 21 are said to be drawn to an article comprising a compound of Formula I, classified in class 435, various subclasses;
- IV. Claims 22 to 30 are said to be drawn to an article comprising compounds of Formula II, classified in class 435, various subclasses;
- V. Claims 31 to 33 are said to be drawn to a method of immobilizing an amine containing material using compounds of Formula I, classified in class 435, various subclasses; and
- VI. Claims 34 to 36 are said to be drawn to a method of immobilizing an amine containing material using compounds of Formula II, classified in class 435, various subclasses.

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Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, with traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the Groups I, III, and V claims are so interrelated that a search of one group of claims will reveal art to the other groups. Applicants further submit that the Groups II, IV, and VI are so interrelated that a search of one group of claims will reveal art of the other groups.

Were restriction to be effected between the claims in Groups I, III, and V, a separate examination of the claims in these groups would require substantial duplication of work on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Even though some additional consideration would be necessary, the scope of analysis of novelty of all the claims of Groups I, III, and V have to be as rigorous as when only the claims of Group I were being considered by themselves. Clearly, this duplication of effort would not be warranted where these claims of different categories are so interrelated. Further, Groups III and V are classified by the Examiner as being in the same class. Applicants submit that for restriction to be effected between the claims in Groups I, III, and V it would place an undue burden by requiring payment of a separate filing fee for examination of the nonelected claims, as well as the added costs associated with prosecuting three applications and maintaining three patents.

Similarly, were restriction to be effected between the claims in Groups II, IV, and VI, a separate examination of the claims in these groups would require substantial duplication of work on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Even though some additional consideration would be necessary, the scope of analysis of novelty of all the claims of Groups II, IV, and VI have to be as rigorous as when only the claims of Group II were being considered by themselves. Clearly, this duplication of effort would not be warranted where these claims of different categories are so interrelated. Further, Groups IV and VI are classified by the Examiner as being in the same class. Applicants submit that for restriction to be effected between the claims in Groups II, IV, and VI it would place an undue burden by requiring payment of a separate filing fee for examination of the nonelected claims, as well as the added costs associated with prosecuting three applications and maintaining three patents.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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